

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SEP 27 2019

for the

David J. Bradley, Clerk

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

United States of America)

v.)

Jose Elias Pedraza (YOB: 1990))

Case No. M-19-2316-M)

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of 9/26/2019 in the county of Hidalgo County in the
SOUTHERN District of TEXAS, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

21 USC 841(a)(1),
21 USC 841(b)(1)(a)Knowingly and intentionally
possess with intent to distribute more
than five (5) kilograms of Cocaine, a
Schedule II controlled substance and
more than 500 grams of methamphetamine
a Schedule II controlled substance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment A.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.approved by
[Signature]

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 9/27/2019City and state: McAllen, TexasIvanna Cali
Complainant's signature
Ivanna Cali, DEA SAJ. Scott Hacker, US Magistrate Judge
Judge's signature
Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT "A"

The information contained in this affidavit is information based on the personal knowledge of the Affiant and other law enforcement officials assigned to this investigation.

On September 26, 2019, DEA Special Agents established surveillance at a suspected stash house utilized for narcotics, in McAllen, Texas, utilized by Jose Elias PEDRAZA.

At approximately 5:59 PM Agents followed PEDRAZA as he departed from the suspected stash house in a green truck. At approximately 6:12PM, a Hidalgo County K-9 Deputy conducted an independent probable cause traffic stop on PEDRAZA for a traffic violation. During the deputies roadside interview, consent to search the vehicle was denied. The Hidalgo County Deputy deployed his K-9 partner, "Asha" who positively alerted to the presence of narcotics in the truck. A search of the vehicle resulted in the finding of one (1) brick wrapped (1.20 kgs.) in black tape containing a white powdery substance suspected to be cocaine, located underneath the driver's seat. Under rights advisement and waiver

At approximately 6:38PM DEA Agents approached PEDRAZA and read him his Miranda Warnings in his preferred language of English. Under rights and advisement, PEDRAZA waived his rights, admitted the brick was cocaine, and stated, he was in route to deliver the kilogram of cocaine. PEDRAZA admitted to agents that there were more narcotics stored in his residence.

At approximately 7:19PM DEA Agents received written consent from PEDRAZA to search his residence, located in McAllen, Texas. A search of the residence revealed three (3) cylinder bundles of suspected methamphetamines, weighing approximately 3.40 kgs, in the dryer of the residence. Agents also found five (5) bricks of suspected cocaine, weighing approximately 5.0 kgs, in a bedroom closet of the residence. Agents also retrieved approximately 9.65 kgs of narcotics found

inside the wall of the residence, under rights and advisement PEDRAZA admitted that the narcotics found in the wall were both cocaine and methamphetamine.